

IN THE CLAIMS:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

Claims 1-19 (*Canceled*)

Claim 20. (*New*) A cartridge for a bullet, comprising:

a body having a first body outside diameter, a second body outside diameter, said second body outside diameter being at most equal to said first body outside diameter, a body length, and an extraction groove;

wherein said body length is in a range between 0.670 inches and 0.800 inches, and said first outside body diameter is about 0.375 inches and said second body outside diameter is about 0.367 inches;

a neck having a neck outside diameter and a neck length, said outside diameter of said neck is substantially less than said first outside diameter of said body, said neck being adapted to fit a bullet; and

a shoulder disposed between said body and said neck, said shoulder forming an angle and extending between said body and said neck;

wherein said body, said neck and said shoulder are axially aligned and concentric about an axis extending longitudinally therethrough, and said body, said shoulder, and said neck define total length, said total length is in a range between 0.870 inches and 1.000 inches;

whereby, upon firing a bullet, the bullet is capable of reaching a velocity of greater than about 2,500 fps.

Claim 21. (*New*) The cartridge according to claim 20, wherein said cartridge is adapted for use with a handgun.

Claim 22. (*New*) The cartridge according to claim 20, wherein said cartridge is adapted for use with a rifle.

Claim 23. (*New*) The cartridge according to claim 20, wherein, upon firing, the bullet is capable of reaching a velocity of greater than about 3,000 fps.